

REPORT OF THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN TORONTO.

THE forty-first annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association was opened in the board of trade building at the city of Toronto, on Thursday, February 2, 1899. The gathering was one of the most successful in the history of the association. The papers read were all of practical value to the members, and in the open conferences much useful information was elicited. Every member who attended felt, when the meeting was brought to a close on the afternoon of the second day, that he had received distinct and unmistakable benefits from the discussions, and carried away with him something that might be utilized to his own material advantage in the conduct of his business.

The chair, at the opening session, was occupied by Mr. W. S. Dingman, of The Stratford Herald, first vice-president, who presided in the absence of the president, Mr. Robert Holmes, of The Clinton New Era, who, it was explained, was busily engaged in the heat of an election contest in West Huron.

Among those members of the association who were in attendance at the meeting were :

W. S. Dingman, Stratford Herald, T. H. Preston, Expositor, Brantford ; A. McNee, Record, Windsor ; H. F. Gardiner, Times, Hamilton ; J. T. Clark, Saturday Night, Toronto ; A. E. Bradwin, Standard, Blyth ; D. Williams, Bulletin, Collingwood ; W. A. Hogg, Enterprise, Collingwood ; J. D. Reid, The Arrow, Burk's Falls ; H. T. Blackstone, Times, Oillia ; R. F. Holtermann, Canadian Bee Journal, Brantford ; W. H. Bundy, North Star, Parry Sound ; E. C. Campbell, Advocate, Cayuga ; A. F. Pirie, Banner, Dundas ; A. R. Fawcett, Leader and Recorder, Toronto Junction ; Geo. E. Scroggie, The News, Toronto ; J. A. Lambert, Representative, Mount Forest ; D. McGillicuddy, Goderich Signal ; W. McGuire, Tilsonburg Liberal, J. F. McKay, Montreal Herald ; S. Russell, Deseronto Tribune, G. M. Standing, Aylmer Sun ; B. McGuire, Orangeville Banner ; H. B. Elliott, Times, Wingham ; H. P. Moore, Free Press, Acton ; W. E. Smallfield, Mercury, Renfrew ; F. W. Galbraith, Mercury, Guelph ; John Motz, Journal, Berlin ; James Fisher, Confederate, Mount Forest ; Chas. Ramage, Review, Durham ; C. W. Rutledge, Standard, Markdale ; R. L. Mortimer, Free Press, Shelburne ; S. Frank Wilson, Truth, Toronto ; N. W. Ford, Banner, Chatham ; W. Ireland, The Star, Parry Sound ; Andrew Pattullo, Sentinel-Review, Woodstock ; A. G. F. Macdonald, News, Alexandria ; W. J. Taylor, News, Tweed ; G. Wilson, Daily Guide, Port Hope ; Jas. W. Robertson, Commercial, Ayr ; Lieut.-Col. J. B. Maclean, Montreal ; J. King, Toronto ; H. J. Pettypiece, Free Press, Forest ; L. G. Jackson, Era, Newmarket ; J. H. Thompson, The Post, Thorold ; P. Boyle, Catholic Register, Toronto ; C. W. Young, Freeholder, Cornwall ; John A. Auld, Amherstburg Echo ; John A. Cooper, Canadian Magazine, Toronto ; C. A. Matthews, Globe, Toronto ; George Young, Courier, Trenton ; E. Trout, Monetary Times, Toronto ; James Innis, honorary member, Guelph ; R. Mathison, honorary member, Belleville ; C. H. Mortimer, Canadian Architect, Toronto ; A. H. U. Colquhoun, Toronto.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The report of the executive committee was read and considered clause by clause as follows :

To the Members of the Canadian Press Association :

GENTLEMEN, —Your committee beg to report a rather uneventful year. There have been no very vital questions affecting publishers pressing for attention. The first work of the executive during the year was the issuing of the annual report, which was done at as early a date as possible. It is the most extensive report which has ever been published by the association and contains the result of a great deal of work. One of the new features is a complete list of the officers of the association since the foundation. These have not been published in recent reports, but we would recommend that they be repeated in each succeeding report.

In the early part of the year an effort was made to hold a press excursion. Correspondence was exchanged with the railways and various other transportation companies with a view to seeing what excursion could be organized. This finally resulted in a decision to run an excursion to Duluth, leaving Toronto on August 10, and returning on August 18. The cost to each member was to be not more than \$25. In July a notice was sent to each one of the members giving the details of the proposed excursion. Only some half-dozen replied favorably and the project had to be abandoned. We would recommend that this or some other excursion be approved of at the annual meeting and that a number of guarantees be secured before the new executive undertake to make fresh arrangements. At the last two or three annual meetings the members have said by their votes that they were in favor of an annual excursion, but when details were laid before them they have decided not to go. As this makes it very awkward for the executive we suggest as above, that a definite excursion should be arranged upon at the annual meeting and some guarantee be given the executive that if the details are satisfactorily arranged there will be a number of members take the trip. It is only fair that an executive should have a reasonable assurance that their time, effort and diplomacy will not be wasted. A committee has been appointed which will bring in a report upon this matter during the present meeting. In connection with the arrangements made for the excursion last year we have to thank the Great Northern Transit Co for several courtesies.

In September, at a meeting of the executive, the question of postage on newspapers came up for discussion. It was decided, however, that on account of a resolution passed at the last annual meeting, the executive had no power to take any action.

During the past year a number of new members have been admitted including : Chas J. Howell, Intelligencer, Belleville ; Evangeline Booth, War Cry, Toronto ; W. B. Hope, Canadian Manufacturer, Toronto ; R. Douglas Fraser, Teachers' Monthly, Toronto ; W. A. Hogg, Enterprise-Messenger, Collingwood ; Gordon Waldron, Weekly Sun, Toronto ; Arthur Craig, Glengarran, Alexandria ; George P. Graham, Recorder, Brockville ; F. W. Galbraith, Mercury, Guelph ; J. I. McIntosh, Mercury, Guelph ; W. H. Bundy, North Star, Parry Sound.

Quite a number of newspapermen have been inquiring about the qualification for membership and evidencing a desire to be admitted. A little more effort on the part of members would result in considerable increase in our members.

We would recommend, for the consideration of the meeting, a proposal to do something concerning the present railway privileges afforded to members of the Association. It is becoming more and more apparent that the railways are not treating us fairly in